

2011 CHAPTER 17

PART 2

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER FOR STANDARDS

Investigatory powers of the Commissioner

Protection from defamation actions

- **32.**—(1) For the purposes of the law of defamation, any statement made in pursuance of the purposes of this Part—
 - (a) by the Commissioner shall have absolute privilege; and
 - (b) to the Commissioner shall have qualified privilege.
- (2) In subsection (1), "statement" has the same meaning as in the Defamation Act 1996 (c. 31).

Commencement Information

II S. 32 in operation at 17.9.2012 by S.R. 2012/334, art. 2(c)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Assembly Members (Independent Financial Review and Standards) Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, Section 32.